

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

**23PEEN14 — SCIENCE FICTION, FANTASY  
AND DETECTIVE LITERATURE**

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

**SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

Answer ALL questions.

1. What is science fiction?
2. Mention two cyberpunk novels.
3. What is the motive behind the Baskerville murders?
4. What is the significance of the number 7 in *The Hound of Baskervilles*?
5. What do the Morlocks do during the night in *The Time Machine*?
6. In *The Time Machine*, what are the two species the protagonist encounters in the distant future?
7. What is the name of Del's childhood friend in *Shadowland*?
8. Who is Henry Wrenn in *Shadowland*?

9. How does communication occur in the world of "The Machine Stops"?
10. What happens when the Machine starts to fail in "Machine Stops"?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Write a note on apocalyptic fiction.  
Or  
(b) Introduce mystery novels.
12. (a) How does Poirot use the evidence to determine the order of events on the night of the murder?

Or

- (b) How does Poirot identify the murderer? What clues does he use?
13. (a) Who is Weena, and what is her rôle in *The Time Machine*?

Or

- (b) What is the fate of the time traveller at the end of *The Time Machine*?
14. (a) Discuss the character of Del Nightingale in *Shadowland*.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Magister Forbushin *Shadowland*.

15. (a) What is the significance of the title, "The Last Question"?

Or

- (b) What is the ultimate question that the Multivac computer is tasked with answering?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Explore the features of science fiction and fantasy novels.
17. Narrate how Holmes outsmarts Stapleton.
18. Bring out the mystery in *Women in White*.
19. What is the role of superstition and magic in the lives of the Buendia family in *One Hundred years of Solitude*?
20. Comment on the significance of the locked door and the sealed window at the crime scene in "The Murders in the Rue Morgue".